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SUBJECT: SPAIN COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR NASA DELEGATION,  
ALSTON, DEPAULA, DICK, FRIEDENSEN, MEYER, NEWMAN, REESE,  
RUMMEL, SPRINGER AND TAYLOR

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¶1. Embassy grants country clearance to NASA delegation,  
Bernice Alston, Ramon De Paula, Steven Dick, Victoria  
Friedensen, Michael Meyer, Neal Newman, Terrence Reese, John  
Rummel, Anthony Springer, and Alotta Taylor to travel to  
Valencia, Spain from September 22 to October 11, 2006. The  
purpose of this visit is to attend the International  
Astronautical Conference.

¶2. Post understands no assistance is required.

¶3. Visitors are reminded that bearers of diplomatic and  
official passports coming to Spain on official business need  
to obtain a Spanish visa prior to arrival to Spain.

¶4. THREAT ASSESSMENT:

In general, Spain is safe. However, Madrid, Barcelona and  
other large cities in Spain -- including resort/convention  
areas such as Benidorm -- attract a large number of criminals  
and pickpockets and frequent incidents of crime of  
opportunity against the unwary do occur. Carry only  
essential items including a photocopy of your passport's  
photo page. Visitors can protect themselves against crime by  
being street-smart, alert and aware of their surroundings.  
In the event you are victimized by crime, or experience any  
security-related incident, please contact the Embassy's  
Regional Security Office at 91-587-2550 or after hours at  
91-587-2355. Official visitors to the Embassy in Madrid or  
the Consulate General in Barcelona are encouraged to receive  
a security briefing from the RSO office at their earliest  
convenience. Additional information regarding safety and  
security in Spain is available on the U.S. Department of  
State's website ([www.embusa.es](http://www.embusa.es)).

Travelers are encouraged to review the most recent Worldwide  
Caution issued by the Department of State. As the Department  
of State continues to develop information on any potential  
security threats to Americans overseas, it shares credible  
threat information through its Consular Information Program  
documents, available on the Internet at  
<http://travel.state.gov>. In addition to information on the  
Internet, U.S. travelers can hear recorded information by  
calling the Department of State in Washington, D.C. at  
202-647-5225 from their touch-tone telephone, or receive  
information by automated telefax by dialing 202-647-3000 from  
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